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To ask the Minister for Health the number of dietitian posts approved, filled and vacant for mental health services in the south east; the length of each vacancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary Mental Health Services have funding for 2 dietitian posts - both are within the Child & Adolescent Mental Health services. Currently 1 post is filled and there is a recruitment campaign in process for the other post which has been vacant since 01/12/2020.

Waterford/Wexford Mental Health Services currently have 1 senior dietician post with the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service which has been vacant for 18 months. The post has been offered to successful candidates following a recent competition but remains unfilled. SECH Mental Health will continue to pursue the filling of the post through the prescribed HSE recruitment process.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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